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CONTEST FOR WATER ON HAWAII

MANY VOTERS WANTED NO MAYOR AT ALL

BALLOTS WERE LEFT BLANK FOR MAYOR, DEFEATING LANE

The defeat of Lane, according to analyses made today of the precinct figures, was fairly uniform throughout the island. He ran behind others on the ticket almost everywhere, and a little more in Hawaiian precincts than in haole precincts.

It appears from a study of the returns, and from the reports of many who watched the count, that Lane lost more than enough to have changed the result by Republicans simply ignoring the office of mayor altogether. They didn't vote for either Lane or Fern, evidently not wanting Lane and being unwilling to vote for the Democrat.

The figures show a total vote for Delegate of 7,096. For mayor the total vote was only 6,294. This shows that over eight hundred people who went into the balloting places to vote cast no vote at all for mayor.

The delegateship was naturally expected to lead in the total vote, but the figures show that the vote on some of the lesser county offices exceeded that for mayor. According to the natural rule in politics, the leading offices get the biggest vote. The following figures tell a significant story of voters leaving their ballots blank as far as mayor is concerned:

Total for delegate.....7096
Total for mayor.....6294
Total for sheriff.....6414
Total for treasurer.....6325
Total for county attorney.....6122

The office of mayor precedes all the others on the official ballot and would normally lead municipal offices in the total number of votes cast for the rival candidates by at least ten per cent. It is therefore evident that the number of blank ballots as far as the mayor

ality is concerned, was several times more than enough to have changed the result. Republicans didn't scratch so much as they declined to vote at all, on this office.

The vote in the fifth of the Fourth, which was very bitterly accused yesterday of throwing down the straight ticket, does not, it is claimed, bear out the contention, as far as Lane is concerned. The average vote of the Republican candidates, including the delegate, was 183, and Lane got 175. If the big vote for Kuhl is left out of the calculations Lane got more than the average in this precinct. He ran ahead of Cox, Cathcart and Simerson and within two votes of Shingle. Eliminating the abnormal vote of Kalaupapa, Jr., Kalaupapa, and Bicknell, Lane ran ahead of the Republican party ticket in the fifth of the fourth.

Despite these showings the party leaders feel that this and other fourth district precincts failed to make good on the "straight ticket" proposition. As compared to the Fifth district, the figures show that the Fourth voted more consistently straight than the Fifth, and the haole precincts stood by the Republican ticket better than the Hawaiian. But some of the party leaders expected the strong haole precincts to go straight much more strongly than those precincts went straight.

The much discussed fifth of the Fourth didn't take part in the blank ballot business. The total vote for mayor here ran ahead of that for other county offices and was within twelve of the total for delegate to Congress.

HILO MAY OBJECT TO KAU'S EFFORTS TO DIVERT WATER

(Special to The Star.)
HILO, Hawaii, November 7.—While the plantation men in the Hilo district have not taken the matter up in any manner as yet even to the extent of an informal conversation, it seems certain that strenuous opposition will develop to the Kau ditch plan which is being proposed by J. T. McCrossan and others. It is understood from recent visitors to the other side of the island, that they have little faith in the Kau ditch plan, though this is possibly on account of the fact that it has never been placed before them in the light of a business proposition and the engineering features have never been explained.

The trouble which the new scheme will face on this side, however, comes from altogether a different matter. While there is no doubt of the fact that a great deal of water runs to waste in the Hilo district, through a great many months of the year, at the same time it is generally known that

there is hardly a plantation which uses water for fluming purposes, that is not held up at some time during the season by a lack of water and for this reason is compelled to suspend operations. These plantations own large water rights and before they will allow a sufficient amount of water to be taken from the upper sources will wish to be assured that they are guaranteed enough to keep their work.

The Hilo Electric Light Co., which takes its water from the Waialua river, the largest stream in the Hilo district, will also be deeply interested in the matter. It has already happened several times, under existing conditions, that a drought has compelled the recourse to steam instead of the water power ordinarily used for the generation of electricity. With the new machinery, which has just been installed, it is stated that no provision has been made for steam, but

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ANOTHER REPRIEVE FOR MURDERER

John Wynne who was convicted of the murder of Archibald McKinnon, an engineer on the oil steamer Rosecrans, at Honolulu, has been reprieved for thirty days from December 5. This information was contained in a telegram received by Marshal Hendry from Washington this morning.

The murder was committed in 1907, and the indictment was filed in the Federal Court on October 25 of that year. The case did not go to trial until October 22 of the following year. On November 6, Wynne was found guilty, and seven days later the death sentence was passed. The case was immediately appealed by Wynne's attorney.

On June 3 last a mandate was received from the United States Supreme Court confirming the decision of the local Federal Court, and ten days later the sentence was again imposed.

On August 29 a further reprieve was given until December 5, and now comes the further reprieve until January 3.

The attorneys for Wynne are working to have his sentence at least commuted to imprisonment for life, and these reprieves, it is understood are being granted in order to permit of the investigations that are being made being completed before a decision is arrived at.

HOUSE OF LORDS TO BE THE ISSUE IN COMING ELECTION

(Special Cable to The Star.)

LONDON, November 10.—The Government and the Opposition have failed to agree on the matter of the veto power of the House of Lords, which has been at issue since the Lords vetoed the budget over a year ago. Premier Asquith and his associates have insisted upon curbing the veto power

of the upper house, but compromise was attempted. It was announced today that all efforts to reach an agreement had failed, and another appeal to the voters is likely to follow, with the power of the House of Lords to veto acts of the Commons as the main issue.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 10.—The complete census returns for the state of Alabama show the state's population to be 2,136,973. It was 1,828,697 at the time of the census of 1905.

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HONORS TO NAVAL OFFICERS

The flag on the Naval Station mast was blown at half-mast today in recognition of the death of Rear Admiral Dickens, which occurred in New York on September 15th last. The naval authorities have just received the official notification of the death of Rear-Admiral Dickens and pursuant to instructions received fired thirteen minute guns at noon today. The Japanese cruisers half-masted their flags also, in honor of the deceased officer.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

EUROPE JOINS AMERICA IN THE BIG CHINESE LOAN

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

LONDON, November 10.—It is announced that English, German and French bankers will take a part of the loan of fifty millions which it was announced some days ago had been arranged by Americans for China. The fact that China had arranged a loan of fifty millions was announced in New York on October 28. It was given out today that the loan was only partly American, and that British, German and French financial interests are joined with the Americans in the big loan.

CHAMP CLARK NEXT SPEAKER

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 10.—It is given out by the Democratic leaders that Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri will probably be the Speaker of the next House.

TAFT TO PANAMA

CHARLESTON, S. C., November 10.—President Taft left here today on the cruiser Tennessee for the isthmus of Panama. He plans to make an inspection of the work on the big canal, and to study the problem of a local government for the canal zone.

CITY OF MEXICO, November 10.—There were no further disturbances today, and the government has taken vigorous steps to prevent any more anti-American riots. Arrests of 217 persons have been made for taking part in yesterday's demonstrations.

American Ambassador Wilson charges the police with having permitted insults to the American flag, but he does not hold the Mexican government responsible.

Local newspapers advocate a boycott of Americans.

DEMOCRATS HAVE BEATEN SENATOR BORAH

BOISE, Idaho, November 10.—The returns counted so far indicate that the legislature of Idaho will be Democratic. This means the choice of a Democrat to succeed Senator W. E. Borah, whose term expires next March.

HELENA, Mont., November 10.—The legislature just elected is Republican and will choose a Republican for the United States senate, re-electing Senator Carter, whose term expires next March, or choosing some other Republican in his place.

The Hawaiian Trust Co., Ltd., administrator of the estate of the late Charles W. Booth, has been granted until January 1 to file an inventory of this estate.

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FERN'S THANKS TO THE HALES

"The pigs are coming," said Mayor Fern this morning, "and the luau will be the real thing. I wish The Star would quote me as thanking the haales, including the Portuguese especially, who have re-elected me."

MADAME PELE ALSO EXCITED

(Wireless to The Star.)

HILO, November 9.—The volcano of Kilauea is rising. The lake of lava has shown considerable increase in activity during the past twenty-four hours, and the lava is many feet nearer the top of the pit than it was a week ago.